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SEATTLE
GUNRUNNER

An American teacher sentenced in Pakistan to 10 years hard labor for gunrunning was returned to Seattle in the custody of U.S. marshals and held Thursday in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Eugene Ray Clegg, 35, of Castle Rock, Wash., who taught math and science in Islamabad at a State Department-backed school, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Phillip K. Sweigert and bond was set at \$100,000.

Tom Hiller, Clegg's public defender attorney, said Pakistan deported Clegg but kept his passport. Hiller said his client feared he would be tortured and harassed in Pakistan and wanted to return to the United States to face the charges here.

Clegg's lawyer in Islamabad, Fasihudd Wardak, said the U.S. government had asked for his release and Pakistan had agreed.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William Hogan said the agreement was worked out by the U.S. State Department.

He had been indicted Feb. 25 by a federal grand jury of 11 counts of gunrunning to Pakistan, but the indictment was kept secret until Clegg surfaced in the United States Wednesday.

Clegg was arrested in Islamabad last Sept. 21 after Pakistani customs officials seized a shipment of 102 guns. Clegg at first claimed he was channeling guns to rebels fighting Soviet forces in Afghanistan, but later dropped the claim.

Hogan said Clegg was not an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency, which reportedly has been involved in clandestine deliveries of arms to rebels fighting the Soviet Union in Afghanistan.

Jonathan Brecht, a U.S. State Department spokesman in Washington, D.C., said Clegg's role as a teacher of American children was "the extent of his relationship with the U.S. government."

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